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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed October 19, 2006, reconsideration of the finality of the office action is requested based on the following remarks. In the action, a new search was performed and the action made final based on newly cited art. Contrary to the statement in the action, none of the claims have been amended. Therefore, it is clearly erroneous to make the current action final. Applicant requests the issuance of a new, non-final rejection based on the newly cited art. A copy of the power of attorney and change of correspondence address submitted on July 21, 2006, is submitted herewith. Please note the address change.

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